

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document has been received at the Patent Office from the International Bureau under PCT Rule 17.2(a).

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-33 are all of the claims that have been examined in the present application, and currently all of the claims stand rejected.

Claims 5, 6 and 21-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph Rejection - Claims 1-33:

Claims 1-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has amended each of claims 1 and 9 to include the limitations of claims 5 and 23, such that the hydrogenation and oxidation limitations are further defined.

Applicant submits that these amendments sufficiently address the Examiner's concerns, and hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph rejection of these claims.

Conclusion:


In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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